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"DUCK STAMP" CONTEST DEADLINE NEARS, INTERIOR ANNOUNCES

Artists who intend to enter the annual Federal "duck stamp" contest have been urged by the Department of the Interior to get their entries in the mail before the midnight November 15 deadline. The contest will be used to select the design for next year's Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp.

Drawings of any species of North American waterfowl except redhead, pintail, and mallard ducks, brant, and Nene geese are acceptable. These five species are excluded because they have appeared on duck stamps within the last five years.

Artists are being encouraged this year to submit drawings of various waterfowl species that have never appeared on the duck stamp. These include redbreasted merganser, hooded merganser, white-winged scoter, surf scoter, oldsquaw, Barrow's goldeneye, fulvous tree duck, black-bellied tree duck, and emperor and Ross' geese.

Anyone 16 years of age or older who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have a duck stamp in addition to a State hunting license. All receipts from the sale of these stamps, less costs of printing and distribution, are used by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to acquire lands for waterfowl.

Drawings must be sent to the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240. A free copy of the leaflet "Rules for the Annual Duck Stamp Design Contest," plus the agreement covering reproduction rights, is available from the same address.

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